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# First Steps SPOE Data Quarterly Report

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### Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

SPOE	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Total	Avg. per Month
<b>Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	186	170	156	150	134	168	181	168	173	145	150	163	1,944	162.0
Referrals resulting in IFSP	99	78	76	74	61	74	82	76	68	55	80	80	903	75.3
% that went to IFSP	53.2%	45.9%	48.7%	49.3%	45.5%	44.0%	45.3%	45.2%	39.3%	37.9%	53.3%	49.1%	46.5%	
<b>St. Louis County (Reg. 2)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	234	239	225	221	208	229	196	257	223	263	171	187	2,653	221.1
Referrals resulting in IFSP	103	102	92	106	80	111	81	110	94	111	66	55	1,111	92.6
% that went to IFSP	44.0%	42.7%	40.9%	48.0%	38.5%	48.5%	41.3%	42.8%	42.2%	42.2%	38.6%	29.4%	41.9%	
<b>Northeast (Reg. 3)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	89	80	87	75	52	96	80	98	82	78	72	68	957	79.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	30	29	29	22	19	36	28	37	28	33	23	19	333	27.8
% that went to IFSP	33.7%	36.3%	33.3%	29.3%	36.5%	37.5%	35.0%	37.8%	34.1%	42.3%	31.9%	27.9%	34.8%	
<b>Northwest (Reg. 4)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	133	129	122	105	110	128	129	124	132	117	131	96	1,456	121.3
Referrals resulting in IFSP	56	66	51	53	54	51	47	46	53	50	50	36	613	51.1
% that went to IFSP	42.1%	51.2%	41.8%	50.5%	49.1%	39.8%	36.4%	37.1%	40.2%	42.7%	38.2%	37.5%	42.1%	
<b>Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	212	212	174	173	173	223	202	233	216	230	200	164	2,412	201.0
Referrals resulting in IFSP	86	80	75	71	78	90	87	96	68	94	84	63	972	81.0
% that went to IFSP	40.6%	37.7%	43.1%	41.0%	45.1%	40.4%	43.1%	41.2%	31.5%	40.9%	42.0%	38.4%	40.3%	
<b>Central (Reg. 6)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	133	111	144	118	101	150	123	109	131	144	112	115	1,491	124.3
Referrals resulting in IFSP	63	54	54	56	37	65	47	53	58	59	37	39	622	51.8
% that went to IFSP	47.4%	48.6%	37.5%	47.5%	36.6%	43.3%	38.2%	48.6%	44.3%	41.0%	33.0%	33.9%	41.7%	
<b>Southwest (Reg. 7)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	77	85	58	74	56	77	68	83	78	66	81	62	865	72.1
Referrals resulting in IFSP	39	39	25	34	25	32	37	44	35	29	39	28	406	33.8
% that went to IFSP	50.6%	45.9%	43.1%	45.9%	44.6%	41.6%	54.4%	53.0%	44.9%	43.9%	48.1%	45.2%	46.9%	
<b>South Central (Reg. 8)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	134	145	139	140	87	130	156	136	150	135	135	126	1,613	134.4
Referrals resulting in IFSP	61	67	59	59	46	55	68	51	66	44	52	50	678	56.5
% that went to IFSP	45.5%	46.2%	42.4%	42.1%	52.9%	42.3%	43.6%	37.5%	44.0%	32.6%	38.5%	39.7%	42.0%	
<b>East Central (Reg. 9)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	165	154	123	119	115	147	141	164	133	152	133	131	1,677	139.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	71	78	53	59	47	59	65	74	57	68	55	50	736	61.3
% that went to IFSP	43.0%	50.6%	43.1%	49.6%	40.9%	40.1%	46.1%	45.1%	42.9%	44.7%	41.4%	38.2%	43.9%	
<b>Southeast (Reg. 10)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	125	97	102	89	91	96	106	134	113	104	88	110	1,255	104.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	50	37	41	36	29	52	47	57	54	40	34	39	516	43.0
% that went to IFSP	40.0%	38.1%	40.2%	40.4%	31.9%	54.2%	44.3%	42.5%	47.8%	38.5%	38.6%	35.5%	41.1%	
<b>Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>1422</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>1127</b>	<b>1444</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1506</b>	<b>1431</b>	<b>1434</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>16,323</b>	<b>1360.3</b>
<b>Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>6,890</b>	<b>574.2</b>
<b>% that went to IFSP</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>44.3%</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>45.1%</b>	<b>42.2%</b>	<b>43.3%</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>42.8%</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>37.6%</b>	<b>42.2%</b>	

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child  
IFSP counts are unduplicated

### Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	826	79	159	880
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	340	26	66	471
IFSP Rate	41.2%	32.9%	41.5%	53.5%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,253	120	145	1,135
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	474	29	47	561
IFSP Rate	37.8%	24.2%	32.4%	49.4%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	586	89	100	182
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	204	19	30	80
IFSP Rate	34.8%	21.3%	30.0%	44.0%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	656	42	102	656
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	251	8	37	317
IFSP Rate	38.3%	19.0%	36.3%	48.3%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,063	146	212	991
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	376	37	83	476
IFSP Rate	35.4%	25.3%	39.2%	48.0%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	908	98	140	345
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	365	27	60	170
IFSP Rate	40.2%	27.6%	42.9%	49.3%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	376	61	156	272
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	151	15	83	157
IFSP Rate	40.2%	24.6%	53.2%	57.7%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	742	196	214	461
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	295	38	98	247
IFSP Rate	39.8%	19.4%	45.8%	53.6%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	826	131	185	535
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	346	29	83	278
IFSP Rate	41.9%	22.1%	44.9%	52.0%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	665	165	1,543	295
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	289	21	626	167
IFSP Rate	43.5%	12.7%	40.6%	56.6%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,901	1,127	1,543	5,752
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	3,091	249	626	2,924
<b>IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>50.8%</b>
% by Source - Statewide	48.4%	6.9%	9.5%	35.2%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	638	111	246	130	1,125
	Percent	56.7%	9.9%	24.5%	11.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	866	167	289	165	1,487
	Percent	58.2%	11.2%	20.6%	11.1%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	268	13	135	56	472
	Percent	56.8%	2.8%	31.9%	11.9%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	483	20	161	66	730
	Percent	66.2%	2.7%	19.2%	9.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	796	15	241	136	1,188
	Percent	67.0%	1.3%	22.0%	11.4%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	514	40	202	84	840
	Percent	61.2%	4.8%	26.4%	10.0%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	336	31	60	43	470
	Percent	71.5%	6.6%	18.0%	9.1%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	544	83	167	67	861
	Percent	63.2%	9.6%	19.0%	7.8%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	608	39	183	107	937
	Percent	64.9%	4.2%	24.1%	11.4%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	413	12	127	54	606
	Percent	68.2%	2.0%	21.3%	8.9%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,466	531	1,811	908	8,716
	Percent	62.7%	6.1%	20.8%	10.4%	100.0%

\* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting\*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,043	61	1,104	8	1,112
	Percent	93.8%	5.5%	99.3%	0.7%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,407	55	1,462	8	1,470
	Percent	95.7%	3.7%	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	440	27	467	2	469
	Percent	93.8%	5.8%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	665	60	725	0	725
	Percent	91.7%	8.3%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,108	73	1,181	0	1,181
	Percent	93.8%	6.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	731	92	823	2	825
	Percent	88.6%	11.2%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	417	52	469	0	469
	Percent	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	747	95	842	1	843
	Percent	88.6%	11.3%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	893	32	925	2	927
	Percent	96.3%	3.5%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	557	47	604	1	605
	Percent	92.1%	7.8%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	8,008	594	8,602	24	8,626
	Percent	92.8%	6.9%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%

\*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

\*\* Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	4.86%	4.63%	4.08%	3.64%	3.53%	4.56%	3.74%	3.74%	4.78%	4.15%	4.18%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.09%	3.00%	2.00%	1.97%	1.91%	2.49%	3.30%	3.81%	4.32%	4.26%	3.00%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.14%	5.24%	3.17%	4.64%	3.93%	5.28%	4.57%	3.09%	5.52%	5.11%	4.73%
White											
% of Pop.	4.82%	4.38%	4.19%	3.58%	3.52%	4.55%	3.75%	3.87%	4.77%	4.02%	4.13%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	3.37%	5.88%	2.78%	0.57%	0.00%	0.00%	2.08%	1.02%	1.96%	0.00%	1.28%

\*Census data (2022 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

\*\*Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	93	97	20	77	186	92	81	68	45	32	791
Under 3 Pop.	1,521	1,798	523	1,892	5,200	1,273	1,754	1,510	954	707	17,132
% of Pop.	6.11%	5.39%	3.82%	4.07%	3.58%	7.23%	4.62%	4.50%	4.72%	4.53%	4.62%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,032	1,390	452	653	1,002	748	389	793	892	574	7,925
Under 3 Pop.	21,622	30,301	11,052	18,170	28,497	17,151	10,809	21,481	18,661	13,887	191,631
% of Pop.	4.77%	4.59%	4.09%	3.59%	3.52%	4.36%	3.60%	3.69%	4.78%	4.13%	4.14%

### Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.6%	3.2%	3.9%	11.6%	11.1%	10.7%	7.0%	45.4%	6.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.3%	2.5%	3.6%	11.3%	3.8%	10.0%	5.7%	54.4%	8.5%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.3%	0.0%	3.1%	14.0%	2.2%	10.6%	4.0%	59.9%	5.9%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.4%	1.4%	3.7%	19.7%	3.5%	11.5%	6.6%	48.4%	4.8%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.2%	2.0%	6.3%	12.8%	4.4%	10.2%	7.1%	49.8%	7.2%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.2%	0.7%	3.0%	15.3%	3.4%	12.1%	7.1%	52.5%	5.7%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.5%	7.3%	3.8%	21.6%	0.9%	6.8%	5.9%	48.6%	4.7%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.0%	3.2%	3.2%	23.0%	2.3%	8.7%	7.8%	46.0%	5.8%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.6%	2.7%	4.4%	12.5%	1.9%	11.8%	7.7%	54.6%	3.8%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.2%	1.4%	4.5%	21.4%	3.5%	13.0%	9.0%	40.5%	6.5%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.5%	4.1%	15.5%	4.1%	10.5%	6.8%	50.0%	6.3%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.